WILLIAM LOVENSTEIN DEAD.

The Well-Known Citizen and Legislator Passes Away.

BRIEF SKETCH OF HIS BUSY CAREER.

for a Long Time-His Family.

borne with great patience fortitude, there passed away evening at 5:45 o'clock one of Richmond's best known and most prominent citizens in the person



in the Senate were Major Affred R. Courtney, Normand Smith, and Charles Campbell, the leat unned having been nominated in place of the lamented James R. Branch, who lost his life accidentally

The ticket was elected after a hardfought battle the majority is the city
being about 70 and about 250 in the district. Mr. Lovenstein took an active
part in the framing of the laws under
the new Constitution. Speaker Zeah

of the City School Board, and served by continuous elections since that time, until recently, when he resigned on ac-

count of failing health. Mr. Lovenstein his connection therewith. He never a pired to any other political office, but was prominent in fraternal orders, and was well known in the business commu-

Mr. Lovenstein was cashier of the Richmond Perpetual Building Loan and Trust Company, until a year ago, he was forced. hining health, to resign his office e has been quietly sojourning ever

He was a member of many fraternal or-ders, among which were the Masons, for he was Past Master of Fraternal

Lodge, No. 15, A. F. and A. M., and Past High Priest of Temple Chapter, No. 22, Royal Arch Masons. Then he belonged to the Richmond Lodge of the Order of Elks; the Vir-ginia Council, No. 27, Royal Arcanum,

Straus, E. D. Starke, Soi, L. mberg, L. J. Wittel, Joseph L. William Holzayfel, all of Richard Walter F. Irvine, of Nor-

EMPEROR WILLIAM'S CHRISTMAS. A Movement to Excommunicate Count

BERLIN, Dec. 26.-The Christmas hold

the firm until it could be done in definite form. It is known that the net carnings of the mill property have been \$75,000 a year in resent years. The firm became financially involved through Board of Teade speculations some years has see of the brothers speculating without the knowledge of the other, and other serious burdens coming upon the firm in the present hard times, it became impossible to longer carry on the business.

to longer carry on the business.
The brothers have been in business over thirty years, and their integrity has never been questioned. The collapse caused general surprise in Lockport, and the general surprise in Lockport, and the gloomy outlook it has created is only dispelled by the long-standing faith in the firm, coupled with the prevailing belief that the assets will greatly exceed the lightlites.

Wedding in Bristol.

BRISTOL, VA., Dec. 25.—Special.—Dr. M. M. Pearson, a leading member of the Bristol Medical Society, who has tasted some of the ioneliness of bachelorhood, was married on Thursday evening to Miss Mary B. White, an accomplished was beautiful young lady, of Farmville, Va. The marriege was celebrated at the resibeautiful young lady, of Farmville, Va.
The marriege was celebrated at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Preston, No.
411 Spencer street, this city, Evangelist
D. Vance Price officiating, For two years
the bride has been a teacher in the city
public schools and has been boarding with
Mr. and Mrs. Preston. She has made
many friends here,
A happy marriage was celebrated on
east Main street on Christmas eve. Mrs.
Moille Hodges was married to Mr. John
C. Jones, an employe of the Southern
Railway, Dr. J. H. Keith officiating, The
bridal couple have gone to Brunswick.

THE SICK MAN IS VERY SICK.

He Has Been Told to Obey the Powers or Step Down.

BUT EUROPE FEARS A HOLY WAR.

This Is the Peril That Makes the Allied Powers Hesitate to Enforce Their Ultimatum - Campaign Against the

Gambling Hells in Belgism. Copyrighted, 1835, by the Sun Printing

and Publishing Association LONDON, Dec. 26.-Sultan Abdul Hamid has managed to pass a fairly comfortis in the position of a criminal awaiting sentence. He has been told this week by his dear friend, M. Nelidoff, the Hussian Ambassador, that the time has arrived for him to make up his mind to do what the Powers tell him to do or to

FRANCE IS ACTIVE

of French gamblers on route to that stratesteally placed hell.

TBIJAV q.n.s W __THESCHMAR'
THEY ALL FLOURISHED.

In truth, all these cercles prives did well, and the occurrence were in fairway to make a anug fortone when the independence Belgo began its illustrated morning sheet. Le Petit Blue, and took them in hand. The extent of their prosperity may be gauged by the fact that perity may be gauged by the fact that the great Monte Carol Company saw its the great Monte Carol Company saw its receipts fall last season by 5500,000 or 4,000,000 of frames through this Belgian competition. Early in the movement an attempt was made to bring the club at Dinait to book, but the judges ruled that the term "In the Public" did not legally apply to members of a club duly entered, and thereafter each sambling den carefully members of a club duly entered, and thereafter each gambling den carefully modeled itself upon the Dinalt pattern, but most of them while complying with the Belgian law as to privacy advertised largely in France. England and Germany and even in countries as remote as Rus-sia and Turkey, so that Leopold's small kingdom woke one day to find itself in borting upder an international reputation kingdom work one any to make the horing under an international reputation as a handler and safer gambling centre than the principality of Monaco. But even worse than this was the discovery that the gambling owners in order to facilitate their nefarious operations had example in a wholesale system of municengaged in a wholesale system of municipal coruption. The Independence Beigehas charged many municipal officers and man of high political and social standing, with being in the pay of the gamblers.

A FAVORABLE METHOD.

A favorable method of corruption has been to buy the services of these public men, members of Parliament, lawyers, capacity.

aldermen, etc., as presidents or chairman of committees of the so-called private clubs. In some places roulette and trentete. Quartete were played in buildings belonging to the municipalities. At others generals in the army have been presiding at inaugural banquets at such establishments with the insignia of the order of Leopold shining on their breasts. Last November the Independance Belge and Le Petet Blue commenced a campaign against the public scandal apropos of bill their pending in the Senate proposing to impose tax of a half million francs a year upon all private clubs, where rambling was carried on. Very soon it was announced that action had been intimated against the owners and managers of the Chandfontaine Club for swindling and robbery, in that they issued twenty-five franc shares and sold them at extravagant premiums upon

sold them at extravagant premiums upon the strength of the most lying statements. The acts of swindling were alleged to have been committed in the club itself, the victims being inexperienced amateur

PUBLIC SCANDAL.

Burgomaster Berden was accused of assisting in foisting this club on a falla-cious public on the plea that it was a good speculation for the municipality, but really from motives of self interest. These allegations were followed by the serving upon Le Peilt Bine writs for their by Burgomaster Berden, by M. Bansastreiber, one of the presidents of the Chaudfontaine Club, by Romulus De Marcelli, managing director of the club and finally by the English Chaudfontaine Club, ard Casino Company (limited). Berden claims 5,000 frace damages and the others each 50,600 francs. There is good reason to believe that before action can be commenced before the civil tribunal These allegations were followed by the others connected in the management of the club will be in a prison for their criminal actions, but Berden's suit will

evelations.

A BOGUS AFFAIR.

As for the English Company, it is become doubt a logus affair, formed selected to enable the issue of twenty-five franc shares, a figure which is not all lowed by either Belgin or French law

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 26.-A terrification explosion occurred in the coal mines of Maule & Son, a mile from this city.

LANDING OF LEE.

He Has Received No Special Instructions But Will Watch the Trend of Affairs,

HAVANA, Dec. 26.—General Fitzhugh Lee, Consul-General at Havana, who has been absent in the United States on leave of absence from his post for about two months, arrived here this morning He was accompanied by his wife an

Victim of Hydrophobia.

BALTIMORE, MD., Dec. 26.-Three vio time of the mad St. Bernard dog, which on December 1st ran amuck through the little towns of Woodberry, Han peen and Waverly, have succumbed to the dreaded hydrophobia. Eight boys to the Pristed Institute, New York for treatment. Yesterday the dirst victim died, and Conrad Eppers, fifteen years old, followed him, and this afternoon Robert Perry, four years old, died. The remaining victims are said to be doing nicely. All three of the dead boys were bitten about the face or hands by the victous ar irral.

Farmville Tobacco Trade.

FARMVILLE VA. Dec. 26.—Special.—
The tobacco crop in this section is fairly good, and our buyers are wide-awake men and as liberal as the condition of the market will justify. Good prices are being offered for first-class tobacco, and it is expected that with the opening of the new year the tobacco market will be quite active. Mesars, Dumlop, Stokes & Co. are now completing the largest tobacco factory that has ever been built here. Other bovers have enlarged their factories from time to time, until all of them are very large and commodious buildings, and will be run to their fullest ere. Offset of the control of the co

DECLINES TO PARDON GAUL,

The Slayer of Atwell Must Remain in Prison.

GOYERNOR O'FERRALL'S REASONS.

Gaul Was an Aider In the Crime According to the Testimony_Pardons Also Refused William Downing and Charles Williams.

refused yesterday the application for pardon of William T. Gaul, now serving a term in the penitentiary for complicity in the murder of Robert Lee Atwell, a yard conductor of the Southern Railway. at Twenty-eighth and Dock streets, Richmond. The first application for pardon was made a year ago.

In refusing the pardon, Governor O'Ferrall gives in substances these reasons in

the papers filed: The jury was from Danville, therefore, unaffected by any local feeling which may have existed against the prisoner. The petition declares that the murder of Atwell was "one of the foulest muriers in the annals of our criminal courts." The petition further declares that "the penitentiary. This verdict was sutained by the learned judge who presided, as not contrary to the law and the evidence. I am now asked to extend elemency, Upon what ground? After discovered evidence? No. But upon the ground that the evidence was conflicting, and that Gaul's punishment should not be as great as that of McNamee, the prin-

GAUL AN AIDER. If the witness for the prosecution were worthy of credit, Gaul was an active aider and abetter in the murder, he his shanty, where he had eaten his sup-per, to see McNamee. He seized and struck from behind Atwell. Atwell hotwounds, Gaul ran rapidly from the scene

contrary to the evidence or the punish

not follow that Gaul should have his

facts irrespective of the other. One guilty man may escape punishment entirely, as many do, but this is no reason why other guilty men should not be made to pay the penalties of their crimes. McNannee may be, and probably is, deserving of more severe punishment than Gaul, but surely if that was an aider and abetter in the murder of Atwell, he has suffered no injustice; his sentence is not excessive, and he has no right to complain. Fardon is refused.

PARLICN IS REFUSED.

HISTORY OF THE CRIME.

Nearly two years ago William T. Gaul.

Nearly two years and William T. Gaul, a semi-intelligent fellow was convicted in the Hustings Court of the city of Rich-

Atwell himself.

The trials of these two men created the most profound interest, and this it-

terest at one time bordered know excita-ment. So fatense was the feeling just after the McNamee case had been con-cluded that it was improbable to get a jury in this city to sit in the case of Gaul.

The result was that a special ventre

Gaul it will be remembered, worked at

Gaul it will be remembered, worked at times for McNamee, who was an uphols-terer living in Manchester and conductor business on Clay street, this city. He was asked by McNamee to go with rim to see Atwell to get an apology for lanout of a criticism upon McNamee's little boy, when the latter left his velocipede in Mr. Atwell's yard. CASES OF DOWNING AND WILLIAMS After giving the case a good deal of at-tention, devoting many hours to the study

Inst night sent the following dispatch to the sheriff of Norfolk:

Executive Office.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 28, 1898.

Mr. John F. Lawless, Sheriff Norfolk city, Norfolk Va.:

The petition for a commutation of the death sentence of William Downing to lite imprisonment has been carefully for sidered.

I can find ne ground to justify elemency. The prisoner's act was, in my opinion, a wilful, deliberate and preveditated attempt to kill his enemy, resulting in the killing of an unoffending woman. Under the law the penalty is the same as if the prisoner had executed his purpose.

In the case of Charles Williams no facts have been presented to me—only a petition, which amounts to nothing in itself.

I will not interfere with either sentence. CHAS. T. O'FERRALL.

Covernor.

FACTS IN THE CASE.

The following are the facts in the Downing case:

The prisoner and one Albert Patterson

ing case.

The prisoner and one Albert Patterson were living in different rooms in a house owned or leased by one Emma Lane. Patterson was living with Emma Lane, while the prisoner was living with Carrie Price.

About a manth previous to the homicide.

THE GOVERNOR'S REASONS.

ON SUSPICION ONLY.

Very Little Official Information Concern-

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.-The only in-

circles, is considered by more sober-mind-ed citizen; as seriously complicating the situation. It is thought the master and

situation. It is thought the master and crew may be indicated for piracy, and the vessel condemned as a pirate.

I saw Captain Lewis this evening. He insists he has not violated any law, and declares the Three Friends has been engaged only in legitimate trade. Captain "Matt" O'Brien, who is also attached to the tug, makes a similar statement. Consul-General Lee called on Captain Lewis during his brief visit ashore this evening, and had a long conference with him about the reported recent cruise of the tug. It is not known whether General Lee was acting under instructions from Washington or obtaining information from his guardian after reaching Havana, If, as rumored, an engagement actually took place between the tug and Spanish tugboats the matter, it is by Spanish officials in Cuba-

Killed in Self Defence.

NORTON, VA., Dec. 32.—Special,—Clarence Burkes and Wade Bickley (colored) became involved in a row over a woman here to-day, and Bickley shot Burkes, killing him instantly. Bickley has been arrested but it is said to be a class. arrested, but it is said to be a clear case

THE PROTOCOL APPROVED,

Senor Jose Andrade, Minister of Vene-

zuela, Has Arrived. CONTENTION NOT FROM THE GOY'T.

The Kickers Are a Few Sensational News papers Who Do Not Understand the Document_Know They Have a

Friend in This Country.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 .- Senor Jose Andrade, Venezuelan Minister to the United zuelan agreement for the settlement of the boundary dispute between England and Venezueia, and to secure its ratificazuelan Congress, returned to this coun-

Brooklyn by the Venezueian Consul-General an an attache of the legation at Washington. They left shortly after their arrival for the capital. While both Minister Andrade and Counsel Storrow retused to make a definite statement, it was gathered that the Minister returns

its ratification with Great Britain.

THE PEOPLE APPROVE IT.

As to the alleged disapproval by Venezuela of the clause in the agreement
which falls to fecognize the sovereignty of the country by giving it direct repre-sentation on the commission and the fit-ty-year occupation provision it was ex-plained that these contentions did not papers, which were clearly ignorant of the true meaning of the document.
When the agreement was fully under-

Minister Andrade seemed very happy when he stepped from the steamer today. To a representative of the Southern Associated Press he said: "I have written and telegraphed all I

have to say, and it has been published in America. I cannot say anything more on the question just now." "It is said you come here empowered by President Crespo to sign the treaty on behalf of Venezuela," said the re-

That is a matter I cannot, with propricty, discuss," he replied. "Nor can I tell you whether or not the treaty is satisfactory to my country. These are diplomatic matters on which I cannot be

VENEZUELAN CONGRESS WILL AGREE.

"Do you anticipate any objection from the Venezueian Congress when it meets in February to receive the treaty?" "As to that, I will asswer that I do not," he replied smilingly. Senor Andrade then handed the report-er a clipping from a Caracas newspaper, which he said, represented the ideas and

In the matter of the boundary agreegovernment are based on no solid arsuch rumors set affoat after everything

exactly, Venezuela, through its Hiero, the United States, negotiated the treaty, the United States, negotiales the treaty, it is, in all essential parts, the same treaty as Venezuela, offered to Great Britain forty years ago, and which Great Britain refused. Under the fifty-year clause the only territory which Great Britain will have are the settlements between the Essequibo and the Pomaroon river.

THE FIFTY-YEAR CLAUSE.

"The fifty-year clause will exclude Great Britain from the Orinoco country and the Cuquni river, which is the portion of the country Venezuela is especially desirous of keeping."
Mr. Storrow was not inclined to dis-

"Two or three papers went off haif cocked, and wrote articles against the treaty. Public men and diplomats wrote articles on the agreement in the newsderstood it clearly and opinion quickly changed. It was commended, generally, just before we left the country, the ex-Ministers to England being among its

friendly to the United States, and one hears kind words for Americans on all sides." President Crespo is especially cor-dial towards the United States. He rein the country, they are simply nonsense.

The Three Friends a Pirate, Bryan Blakes a Statement.

LINCOLN, NEB., Dec. 26.—W. J. Bryan returned to-night from Atlanta, and to the Southern Associated Press made the following statement in connection with his lecture engagements:

"Mr. V. E. McBee, with my consent, transferred his contract to H. Briggs & Co., of Greenville, S. C. Only five more lectures have been arranged for up to this time, and whether i shall deliver any in addition to that number is, as yet, uncertain. I have some work on hand which may interfere with the delivery of any other lectures during this season.

Mr. Bryan will remain in Lincoln for an indefinite period.

Hawan's Ex-Oucen. KEY WEST, FLA., Dec. D. Nothing has been done by the local Federal au-horities in the matter of the Cuban fil-

BOSTON, MASS., Dec. 28.—Ex-Queen Lilinokalant of Hawaii arrived from New York last night, and was met at the Park Station by William Lee, of the publishing firm of Lee and Shepard, together with his wife and daughter. After cordial greetings, the party were driven to the Parker House, where the ex-Queen will have a spacious suite during her stay in this city. No definite plans have yet been made for her entertainment while in the city.

What's the Matter With Hanna?

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 25.—The rumos that Mark Hanna is ill and will go to Thomasville, Ga., to recuperate is untrae. Mr. Hanna usually spends some time every winter at Thomasville, but has made no plans thus far this winter to go South. WEATHER FORECAST.

Hawait's Ex-Queen.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.-Indica-WASHINGTON, C. D. C., De C. S. Liens for St. Iday.
Virginia-Fair, but partly cloudy; slight changes in temperature; northerly winds, North Carolina and South Carolina.
Fair: Habt, variable winds.